

Josiah Cooke – Eastham Land Records 1650 - 1745

Josiah Cooke was in Plymouth in 1633. He was one of the original Purchasers and he headed one of the seven families that settled Nauset in 1644. In 1659 he was part of a team chosen to survey all the land granted or laid out to the inhabitants of Eastham. He died in Eastham in 1673 and he probably is buried in an unmarked grave in Cove Burying Ground.

1659

Granted to Josiah Cooke six acres adjacent to land of Nicholas Snow and Richard Higgins. It was near a marsh and the water. PDF A112, M199, S19.

Josiah Cooke sold a house lot to Thomas Prence. The lot was northwest of the meeting house, between the common highway and the Cove and south of the Prence farm. PDF A132, M187.

Granted to Josiah Cooke fifty acres of upland at Great Neck. The land was next to the Little Pond and the Little Field. PDF A138, M194, S18.

Granted to Josiah Cooke five acres of meadow at Church's Meadow near the Mill Meadow and the brook. PDF A138, M194, S18.

Granted to Josiah Cooke three acres of meadow on the southerly side of Great Meadow. PDF A138, M194, S18.

Granted to Josiah Cooke one and one half acres of meadow at the south side of the harbor's mouth. PDF A156, M220, S24.

Granted to Josiah Cooke fifteen acres at Pochet next to land of Richard Bishop. PDF M85, M111.

Josiah Cooke purchased from John Smalley four acres for a house lot near the water and next to land owned by William Bradford and Richard Higgins. PDF M98.

Josiah Cooke purchased from John Young three acres of meadow at Church's Meadow near the beach. PDF M99.

1662

Josiah Cooke in 1659 sold a house and land north of the meeting house to Thomas Prence. In 1662 Prence gave the house and land to his step-son Samuel Freeman and Samuel's wife Mercy. PDF A131.

Granted to Josiah Cooke one and one-half acres of marsh at Great Meadow near the beach and next to land of John Smalley. PDF A138, M195, P23.

1665

Josiah Cooke purchased from William Bradford and the other Purchasers one acre of meadow near the beach at Great Namskaket. PDF A203, M117, M195, S11.

There is reference to land that Indian Pompmo of Potanumaquitt sold to Josiah Cooke next to Herring Pond. PDF A223.

Granted to Josiah Cooke two acres of meadow at Black Fish Creek next to land of William Bradford. PDF M195, S30.

1666

Sampson the Indian sold to Josiah Cooke and John Freeman for the Town's use his rights to the whales and blubber along specified parts of the shore. Sampson was paid by the grant of an island called Squanacutt near Pochet Island. PDF A223.

Granted to Josiah Cooke ten acres of upland at Church's Meadow bounded by the highway and the brook. PDF A126, M180, S30.

Granted to Josiah Cooke ten acres of upland on the north side of his great lot by the side of the highway to Billingsgate. PDF A126, M180, S30.

Granted to Josiah Cooke two acres of meadow at Blackfish Creek adjacent to land already granted to him and adjacent to meadow belonging to William Bradford. PDF A138.

1667

Granted to Josiah Cooke twenty acres of upland and meadow at Little Billingsgate next to land of Edward Bangs and John Freeman. PDF A126, M180, M181, S32.

1668

Josiah Cooke bought from William Bradford and the rest of the Purchasers one acre at Great Namskaket near the beach. PDF A138.

Josiah Cooke gave to Joseph Harding ten acres of upland at Great Neck near the Little Pond. The land was part of Josiah Cooke's great lot. PDF A195, M105, S33.

1669

Granted to Josiah Cooke ten acres of upland and meadow at Pochet Island between portions of land belonging to Lt. Rogers and John Doane. PDF A126, S32.

Josiah Cooke sold to John Freeman twenty acres of upland and meadow at Little Billingsgate at the head of a cove coming from Duck Creek. PDF A137.

1670

Granted to Josiah Cooke the ninth lot in a series of grants. The lot is next to a creek running to the beach and is bounded by lots belonging to John Doane and Lt. Rogers. PDF A230, M40.

Granted to Josiah Cooke eight acres at the southerly end of Pochet Island. PDF A231, M41.

The land owned by Josiah Cooke described in these records amounts to about 150 acres. By 1745 nine more Cookes received Eastham land grants.